Analyze the raven as a symbol in Poe’s “The Raven”.

The raven is a symbol of the death of the narrator’s mind. The narrator is trying to find relief from his memories of his dead wife when a raven flies into his room from a storm in the night, which is really the storm in his mind. He figures out early that the raven only knows one phrase but continues to ask it questions. The longer the raven is there the more absurd his questions become. It landing on his statue of the goddess of wisdom shows that the longer it is there the more it is taking over his own sanity. At the end of the work he becomes totally depressed, or mind dead, when he states that the shadow of the raven, or death, will never leave him.

Analyze the ethics of Charlie Gordon’s operation.

Charlie’s operation was unethical because he was mentally unfit, with a 68 IQ, to make the decision to have such an operation. No one signed a waiver for him to be part of the experiment. The doctors knew, even from the beginning, that the operation may only be temporary. No one explained the meaning of temporary to Charlie. The operation was taking place in a laboratory.